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Date: Wed, Apr 2, 2003 9:10 PM
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From: Daniel Brown
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Subject: I know you're nearly alone

Mr. Copps,

I support your position on trying to stop the ongoing consolidation of the corporate media.

I wish we could bring back the Fairness Doctrine. **It's** obvious that the promise of cable to greatly expand the chorus of voices has failed dismally. Further consolidation will only serve to degrade what has become a shadow of its former self - news as entertainment catering to the basest desires of a hypnotized consumer public under the thrall of an increasingly feral capitalism.

I fear we're in for hard times ahead.

Thank you for standing **up** for reclaiming in some small part the public airwaves for the public good.

Dan Brown
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